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cationic group, [or a pigment and a pigment dispersant having a cationic group,] and a resin encapsulating a coloring material.

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17. (Amended) The ink according to Claim 12, wherein the pigment having the cationic group and the coloring material have [substantially] the same color.

Please add new Claims 59 and 60 as follows:

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~~59. An aqueous ink for an ink-jet printing process comprising a colorant comprised of a pigment and a resin encapsulated coloring material, the ink providing an image whose optical density is substantially equivalent to that formed by an ink comprising the pigment in the same amount as that of the colorant.~~

~~60. The aqueous ink according to claim 59, wherein the pigment is a self-dispersing pigment.---~~

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-60 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1 and 12 being independent. Claims 19-58 have been